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> PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR

Dear Sir:

Applicant(s) petition(s) the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated April 16, 2003 for three(3) month(s) from July 16, 2003 to October 16, 2003.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 10-0750/NDC-15/PAC in the name of Johnson & Johnson for the cost of filing this Petition Three copies of this Petition are enclosed.

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